

**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHFIELD  
JOINT BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF TOWN SELECTMEN  
BOARD OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES  
Minutes of April 23, 2007**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Selectboard Chair Melvin Adams, Selectmen Roger LeClair, Kenneth Johnson, Charles Morse and Gregory Sanders. Trustees Chair Richard Sutor, Trustees Libby Hambleton, Thomas McCarney, James Wilson and Samantha Baraw (absent). Also present were Municipal Manager Nanci Allard, Debra Wick (School Board Chair), Justin Wrigley (School Board), Scott Page (School Board), Lauren Wobby (School Board), Nate Freeman (School Board), and School Superintendent David Bickford.

Selectboard Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- a. **Northfield School Board: Overview of Revised School Budget.** School Board Chair Debra Wick gave the Boards an overview of the proposed school budget. A vote on their budget will be taken on May 1, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Northfield High School. Following the presentation by Ms. Wick, she replied to a few questions.

III. **DISCUSSION**

- a. **Municipal Facilities.** The Boards discussed the existing facilities and what may be done to provide the Police Department with a more adequate facility. The Boards should look at potential needs; why they are needed; alternatives and the economics of each proposal. The Boards decided that the Inter-Local Committee would be best suited to serve as a Facilities Subcommittee. The members of that committee will be Selectmen Sanders and Morse; Trustees McCarney and Sutor; and Inter-Local Committee members Nate Freeman and Nelson Hoffman.
- b. **Joint Policies.** The Joint Policies will be reviewed by both the Town and Village Management Committees.
- c. **Manager Evaluation Procedure.** Chairman Sutor distributed information to both Boards pertaining to last year's evaluation and a report on the Municipal Manager's accomplishments.

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items.**

- a. **Nate Freeman (School Board).** Mr. Freeman commented that something should be done about sidewalks and/or safety issues in the Falls area and Routes 12 and 12A. Selectboard Chair Adams asked him to return to the meeting May 7 for a broader discussion. Mr. Freeman agreed to consider replacing Butch Greenslit on the Safe Routes to Schools committee, which has an overlapping interest with the pedestrian improvements available through the VTrans Transportation Enhancement grant program.

V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. **Personnel Matters.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to go into executive session for the purpose discussing the upcoming negotiations regarding the collective bargaining contract. **Motion passed 9-0-0.**

The Boards went into executive session at 8:14 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to come out of executive session.  
**Motion passed 9-0-0.**

The Boards came out of executive session at 8:27 p.m. No action was taken.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Trustees Wilson, to adjourn. **Motion passed 9-0-0.**

The Joint Board Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nanci Allard*

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Acting Clerk